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1. I MADE PRESENTATION ON SUBJECT MATTER TO FONMIN THIS
MORNING AND LEFT WITH HIM NON-PAPER WITH SUBSTANTIVE
CONTENT OF REFTTEL. SEPARATELY, I REFERRED TO \$15 MILLION
HOPED FOR FROM GON.

2. VAN DER STOEL RESPONDED FIRST WITH UNCHARACTERISTIC
IRRITATION SAYING THAT GON DID NOT APPRECIATE BEING

ASKED TO ANTE UP MONEY FOR PARTICULAR QTE RESCUE OPERATIONS UNQTE IN SPECIFIC AMOUNTS BASED ON DECISIONS MADE BY OTHERS. HE CONTENDED THAT USG HAD CONSULTED WITH OTHERS BUT NOT WITH GON WHILE PROPOSED PACKAGE WAS BEING PUT TOGETHER ZCDENCE# WAS DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT BY OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS AT RECENT ECAO MEETING AT WHICH TIME QTE WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT UNQTE.

3. REFLECTING FURTHER DISPLEASURE VAN DER STOEL INFORMED ME ANOTHER QTE SNAG UNQTE HAS DEVELOPED PUTTING IN QUESTION ONCE AGAIN EC REPRESENTATION AT LONDON SUMMIT. THIS LET HIM TO SAY THAT GON HAD HAD ENOUGH OF QTE TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION UNQTE. HE THUS LINKED NEW UNCERTAINTY, IF TRUE, OVER EC CHAIR AND THIS REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTILATERAL RESCUE FOR PORTUGAL. UNLESS THIS QUESTION IS RESOLVED, HOPEFULLY AT WASHINGTON PRELIMINARY MEETING WHICH HE SAID IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26, HE IMPLIED THAT DUTCH WILL AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE RESIST COMMITTING THE HAGUE TO HELP FOR PORTUGAL NOW. HAVING NOT HEARD ANY OF THIS BEFORE, I HAD NO GROUNDS FOR RECLAIMER.

4. RETURNING TO COMPLAINT OF NO EARLIER CONSULTATION, VAN DER STOEL SAID GON COULD NO LONGER BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, THE MORE SO IF EC WAS NOT ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED AT IMPORTANT HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS. HE ARGUED THAT DUTCH GENEROSITY COULD NOT BE QUESTIONED AND CITED DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO ITALIAN QTE RESCUE UNQTE WHICH HE SAID WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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LARGER THAN THAT OF CANADA WHICH WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT DOWNING STREET.

5. WITH THE ABOVE OFF HIS CHEST, VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT THE GON WAS SYMPATHETIC TO PORTUGAL'S NEEDS AND THAT IT WOULD STRIVE TO DO A FAIR SHARE. HE WILL DISCUSS THIS IMMEDIATELY WITH FINANCE MINISTER DUISENBERG WHEN THE LATTER RETURNS FROM BILDERBERG MEETING. DUISENBERG WILL BE GUIDED BY EXTENT OF APPLICATION OF IMF CRITERIA TO THIS MULTILATERAL EFFORT IN BELIEF THIS IS BEST GUARANTEE FOR PROPER USE OF SPICAL ASSISTANCE. VAN DER STOEL WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE GON SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO IMF PARIS IN MID-MAY.

6. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR, WHO SAW FONMIN LATER TODAY, RECEIVED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 5 IN RESPONSE TO HIS PRESENTATION. THE DUTCH WILL COME THROUGH ON THIS, BUT WE SHOULD TAKE SERIOUSLY VAN DER STOEL'S LAMENTATION AND ACT TO SHOW THAT OUR OFTEN DECLARED INTENTION TO CONSULT ON

IMPORTANT INITIATIVES DOESN'T STOP SHORT OF THE HAGUE.
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